

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Approved Minutes: Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: August 22, 2006
Place of Meeting: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Vice-Chairperson Daquigan called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Mary Banick, William "Ed" Connor (1:50 pm), Bal Daquigan, Joyce Dovlet, Barbara Ebright, Amanda Santos, Albert Wang and Joanne Wood

Commissioner Absent: Denny Weisgerber

Alternates Present: Florentino Menor, Bernice Wrinkle

Council Liaison: Debbie Giordano

Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Jennifer Tagalog, Recreation Services Supervisor

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

Florentino Menor was seated for Denny Weisgerber. Bernice Wrinkle was seated for Ed Connor.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda of the August 22, 2006, Senior Advisory Commission.
M/S: Wang/Banick. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

E. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the June 27, 2006, Senior Advisory Commission meeting. **M/S:** Ebright/Wrinkle. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog reported the updated Financial Report was included in the Commission Packet and reflected the period of June 1-July 31, 2006. The report reflected purchase of the PA sound system in the amount of \$3,024.40, and no revenue. The Commission's balance is \$2,435.34.

Motion to approve the Financial Report. **M/S:** Ebright/Wrinkle. **Ayes:** Unanimous.

G. CITIZEN FORUM

None.

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog read the announcements listed on the Agenda, in addition to reminding the Commission that Senior Center membership renewal was due. She also indicated that the Flea Market item was mistakenly omitted from this meeting's agenda and will be reagendized for the October 24, 2006, meeting.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Senior Center Craft Fair

Supervisor Tagalog reviewed the details of the upcoming Senior Center Craft Fair on October 21, 2006. At the June 27, 2006, Senior Advisory Commission meeting, the Commission expressed interest in hosting the event's food booth and asked about selling popcorn. Staff would purchase the food booth items and charge it to the Commission's budget.

Supervisor Tagalog informed the Commission that a popcorn machine was available for their use. She also suggested the Commission sell breakfast items in the morning (i.e. donuts, bagels and coffee) and lunch items in the afternoon (i.e. hotdogs, chips, water and prepackaged cookies). She also suggested root beer floats since there were some left over supplies from a recent root beer float booth Recreation Services sponsored.

Supervisor Tagalog requested the Commission to volunteer at the event for those who were interested in working the two food booth shifts. Commissioner Banick volunteered for the 8:30 am-12:30 pm shift. Commissioners Ebright and Wood volunteered for the 12:00-4:00 pm shift. Commissioner Wrinkle indicated she might be available and would let Supervisor Tagalog know at a later date.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. The HEALTH Trust "Meals On Wheels" Presentation

Renee Kelly Thorne, Director of the HEALTH Trust presented information on its Meals on Wheels program. She stated that there are two Meals on Wheels programs in Santa Clara County, and her program is through the HEALTH Trust non-profit organization. The program serves clients 18 years and older who are disabled, homebound. Its clients' average age is 83 years. The program serves hot meals Monday-Friday and box lunches for weekends. In addition to the meals, it also provides socialization to the clients who are isolated in their homes, and services to provide their wellness (i.e. 3-Day Emergency Food Kits, Senior Directories, Case

Management services, audio book delivery and monthly flyers on information pertaining to services available).

Ms. Thorne added that the meals are prepared at O'Connor Hospital and four therapeutic diets are available for those requiring them, including low sodium, low fat, diabetic and food allergies.

Commissioner Ebright asked about the length of meal service. Ms. Thorne answered that the shortest length of service is one week but most clients are long-term. She added that the program is looking for volunteers to serve the Milpitas area. The commitment for volunteers is two hours a day (11:00 am-1:00 pm), one day a week minimum.

2. Senior Corps Companion Program

At the June 27, 2006, Senior Advisory Commission meeting, Milo Larsen spoke at Citizens Forum regarding the Senior Corps Companion program and requested the Commission consider offering the program in Milpitas. The Senior Corps Companion Program serves frail older adults, adults with disabilities, terminally ill adults, and gives respite for caregivers. The volunteers receive reimbursement for some expenses and some benefits through the program. The Commission requested Mr. Larsen provide some follow-up information on the program.

Mr. Larsen provided the information to Supervisor Tagalog. The program requires the sponsoring agency provide matching funds to the start-up grant that is available, in addition to hiring a staff person to run the program.

Commissioner Ebright commented that if it was started in Milpitas that it would be a long-term commitment. She asked who would be the sponsoring agency and if it would be a part of the Case Manager's office. Staff responded that the City of Milpitas would be the sponsoring agency and that it would not fall under the current Case Manager Services offered at the Senior Center.

Commissioner Dovlet commented that there is a need due to the income limits placed on MediCal for assistance services.

Councilmember Giordano stated to the Commission that if the program seemed worthwhile to them, that they should pursue it and not let the program's cost be a deterrent.

The motion was made to have staff do more research on the cost of the program and bring back to the Commission. Motion: Wrinkle/Ebright. Unanimous.

3. BINGO Committee

Supervisor Tagalog updated the Commission on the new Bingo system. The system was ordered and should be delivered in the following month. To prepare for the new

system, Supervisor Tagalog suggested a sub-committee be formed consisting of a staff member, a Senior Advisory Commissioner and 2-3 Bingo players to research if the program should stay slide-cards or go to a paper/dabber system, increasing the price of the buy-ins, and adding additional days/evenings of playing.

Councilmember Giordano indicated that staff should do the majority of the research on these issues.

Commissioner Ebright indicated she was interested in being in the sub-committee.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

Dennis Graham, Police Chief, introduced himself to the Commission. Chief Graham was recently appointed as Milpitas' new Police Chief.

1.1 Recreation Services

Supervisor Tagalog informed the Commission of some challenges taking place at the Senior Center regarding users of the Game Room and the parking lot. She reported that a meeting of the Game Room participants was held and all the rules of the room were reviewed, and the users were required to sign an agreement to follow the rules. She also noted that parking at the Senior Center is greatly impacted and participants are being reminded not to park at the Post Office or in Peoples' Associates' parking lot. Staff is parking on Main Street to open more spaces for participants in the lot. Staff is also monitoring programs to help reduce parking issues.

Recreation Supervisor Tagalog highlighted the items listed on pages 2-3 of the agenda.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

In addition to the information included in the agenda, Nutrition Site Manager Roseann Costabile informed the Commission the daily average of meals served in August was 90, which is 10 over the budget's daily meal average. She also stated that she will be having lunch participants complete some paperwork soon because Santa Clara County's Senior Services' program is requiring Nutrition Risk Assessments on all lunch participants by the end of October.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 A City Council

Councilmember Giordano reported the City Council actions during its August meetings.

August 1, 2006:

- Approved a new Solid Waste Rate adding a pilot Commercial Food Waste Program.
- Approved a 2005-2010 Redevelopment Implementation Plan.
- Approved eight Cultural Arts Support Program grants.
- Council direction on Citizens Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission's recommendation for a new ordinance requiring automatic gas shut-offs on residences.
- Received Library Governance Study and confirmed the City's membership in Santa Clara County's library system and Joint Power's Authority.

August 15, 2006:

- Appeal of Planning Commission decision to deny use permit amendment for a dance floor at King Crab Restaurant.
- Review general plan denial for zone change at Fairfield project.
- Approved lobbyist registration forms per Open Government Subcommittee.
- Council endorsed Proposition IE (Flood Prevention) and Proposition 84 (Water Bond).
- Approved funding for the United Way's new 2-1-1 Service.

Commissioner Ebright asked about the automatic gas shut-off program. Councilmember Giordano stated that it was a safety devise during emergencies. The City is looking at whether to have it a "point of sale" to have it installed in new houses, or possibly requiring the installation when Building Permits or Building Inspections are done.

Commissioner Daquigan asked about the status of the Farmer's Market.

Councilmember Giordano responded that the Council had allowed the Farmers Market to be allowed in additional City locations (i.e. school parking lots, etc.), but had not received any updated information on it. She would follow up with the Council on this item and report back to the Commission.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission

There was no report due to Commissioner Weisgerber's absence.

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Connor reported the Berryessa/Milpitas Chapter of AARP would be hosting, in partnership with the Senior Center, a Sock Hop on Saturday, September 30, 2006, 6:00-10:00 pm. The musical entertainment for the event is the Sparkletones (live band) and a break dancing demonstration by the Teen Center's Break Dancing group. Members of its committee were approaching businesses for support for the Sock Hop and its upcoming New Year's Eve Dance. Sponsorships in the amounts of \$250.00 would go towards putting on the events,

in addition to sponsoring holiday meals the Chapter takes to seniors during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Businesses that gave sponsorships would receive a free ticket to the New Year's Eve Dance.

2.4 Arts Commission

No report.

2.5 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

No report.

3. Future Agenda Items

Flea Market, Senior Corps Companion Program

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next meeting is scheduled October 24, 2006, at 1:30 pm, at the Milpitas City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Secretary